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SUBJECT: CHINA DEBT

1. IN CONTEXT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS GOP DESIRE TO SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY OF EAST PAKISTAN DEBT TO BANGLADESH, PAKISTANI OFFICIALS HAVE INQUIRED SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT LEGAL STATUS CHINESE DEBT TO U. S. AFTER COMMUNIST TAKEOVER ON MAINLAND.
2. GOP OFFICIALS INSISTENT THAT GOP BEING TREATED HARSHLY BECAUSE GOP DEBT ASCRIBED TO LOST TERRITORIES NOT RPT NOT WRITTEN OFF, AS THEY MAINTAIN CHINESE DEBT WAS.
3. WE HAVE REPLIED IN GENERAL TERMS, DISCLAIMING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF LEGAL POSITION CHINESE DEBT, AND NOTING VAST DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WORLD SITUATION TODAY AND THAT OF LATE FORTIES.
4. WE UNDERSTAND CHINESE DEBT STILL LIVE ISSUE. WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE TO NOTE TO GOP THAT CHINESE DEBT WAS NEVER WRITTEN OFF, AND THAT LIABILITY WAS ONLY HELD IN ABEYANCE BECAUSE OF WORLD SITUATION AT THE TIME?

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5. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON REPLY TO GOP OFFICIALS.  
SPECIFICALLY SHOULD WE REPLY OTHERWISE THAN AS IN PARA  
3 ABOVE?  
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